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SUBJECT: Application for Continuation of Tuberculosis (TB) Class Free Status  
(VS Form 6-38, "Accredited Area Surveillance for Tuberculosis")

TO: Dr. Terry Taylor  
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FROM: Dr. Lee Ann Thomas   
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Enclosed is Virginia's Veterinary Services (VS) 6-38 Form for fiscal year (FY) 2009 which has been reviewed and Virginia's TB free status approved. This form serves as Virginia's annual report and is used to demonstrate that each State continues to qualify for USDA recognition of their TB status within the State and Federal Cooperative TB Eradication Program. Virginia has been TB free since July 27, 1997. Please provide your State counterpart with this approved report.

The overall reported response rate for caudal fold tuberculin testing (CFT) increased only slightly from 0.24 to 0.27 percent from FY 2008 to 2009. CFT testing is not validated when the minimum response rate is not achieved, raising concerns regarding the effectiveness of TB testing in Virginia. Please continue to monitor the CFT response rate of accredited veterinarians and follow-up with individuals that do not meet the minimum standard. The observations and results from this follow-up should be included in your FY 2010 report.

Based on the number of tuberculin skin tests and the estimated number of adult Virginia animals sampled at slaughter, the Virginia TB program exceeded the surveillance requirement in FY 2009. We appreciate the challenge associated with identifying slaughter animals to their State of origin, and we continue to encourage all States to develop these estimates and share this information with origin States. With regard to out-of-State slaughter establishments that did not meet the granuloma submission standard, Veterinary Services continues to work with FSIS so that all of the largest 40 adult slaughter establishments meet this standard.

The VS 6-38 annual report for FY 2010 will be due on December 1, 2010. The TB National Program would like to thank you for your support and congratulate you for another year of TB freedom.

Enclosure



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STATE CODE

VA

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ACCREDITED AREA SURVEILLANCE FOR TUBERCULOSIS

SECTION I - CATTLE POPULATION AND HERD STATUS

CATTLE POPULATION \*

APPLICABLE SOURCES OF DATA ("X")

TYPE OF CATTLE	TOTAL HERDS	TOTAL CATTLE	APPLICABLE SOURCES OF DATA ("X")				
			ESTIMATE	TAX RECORDS	PREVIOUS AREA TESTS	FARM TO FARM SURVEY	SRS
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1. Dairy	1,200	97,000					X
2. Beef	22,000	633,000					X
3. Mixed	2,800	730,000					X
4. Total Cattle Population (Lines 1 + 2 + 3)	26,000	1,460,000					
5. Accredited Herds	37	4,730					
6. Herds Under Quarantine	0	0	6C. TOTAL NO. HERDS PLACED UNDER QUARANTINE DURING YEAR		6D. TOTAL NO. HERDS RELEASED FROM QUARANTINE DURING YEAR		
7. <u>M. bovis</u> Confirmed or suspicious Herds	0	0					
			10		10		

SECTION II - SLAUGHTER WITHIN THE STATE \*\*

TOTAL CATTLE	TOTAL SWINE	TOTAL CHICKENS	BREAKDOWN OF 8A (TOTAL CATTLE)	BREAKDOWN OF 8B (TOTAL SWINE)
A	B	C	D	E
8. No. Slaughtered	4,611	221,160	NA	see
9. No. of VS 6-35's	1	0	NA	p. 5
10. Rate of 6-35 Submissions (line 9 ÷ line 8 x 100,000)	0.046	0	NA	
11. Breakdown of Item 8A (Col. D)			12. Breakdown of Item 8B (Col. E)	
			BULLS	153
			STEERS	3206
			COWS	253
			HEIFERS	999
			CALVES	
			TOTAL	4611
				221,160

☐ FEDERAL SLAUGHTER ONLY ☒ BOTH STATE & FEDERAL SLAUGHTER

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SECTION III - NAMES OF M. bovis CONFIRMED OR SUSPICIOUS HERDS (List each Herd shown in Item 7A)

\*NASS DATA SEE P 1&2 of NARRATIVE REPORT

\*\*SLAUGHTER DATA SEE P. 2&3 of narrative report

ACCREDITATION REQUEST

APPROVAL (Staff Use Only)

We certify that this area is being maintained under and complies with the provisions of:

This area is approved as a tuberculosis

☐ The Uniform Methods and Rules governing Modified Accredited Status

☐ MODIFIED ACCREDITED AREA

☒ The Uniform Methods and Rules governing Accredited Free Status

☒ ACCREDITED FREE AREA

SIGNATURE OF STATE OFFICIAL

DATE

SIGNATURE OF VETERINARY SERVICES OFFICIAL

DATE

SIGNATURE OF FEDERAL VETERINARIAN IN CHARGE

DATE